

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of Beta Chi, business club are, from left, Phyllis Kline, secretary; Lee Morris, president and George Essary, treasurer. Not show is Terry Coleman, vice president.

Morris New President Of Beta Chi

Beta Chi, LSUS Business Club, has elected officers for the coming year.

Lee Morris, junior accounting major and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morris, 388 Atlantic, was elected president of the club which is involved in promoting the business interests of students.

Soph Vice President

Terry Coleman, sophomore business major, was elected vice president. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Coleman, Rt. 1, Keithville.

George Essary, 1111 W. 70th St., junior accounting major, was elected treasurer. He is married to the former Barbara Helmly of San Antonio.

Phyllis Kline, sophomore accounting major and daughter of Mrs. Francis B. Kline, 2031 Vivian, was elected secretary.

Slaughter Speaks

Featured at the meeting was Thomas Slaughter, who spoke on "Micro-Estate Planning." Slaughter, owner and operator of Capital Planning Systems, Inc., is majoring in insurance marketing at LSUS. He resides at 513 Dunmoreland with his wife, who also attends LSUS, and his daughter, who attends LSUBR.

At the end of the meeting, Morris announced a proposed picnic for club members to be held in October.

Malone New Senate Veep

Sophomore senator Bill Malone was elected Student Government Association Senate Vice President in that body's first meeting. Malone defeated sophomore Senator Patrick Harrington by a vote of 16-1.

Freshman Cindy Tucker outdistanced two other freshman senators, Mary Hoff and Jali Burrows, for the senate secretary post. Clayton Williamson, a sophomore, was re-elected to his post as senate parliamentarian.

In other action SGA Executive Council Vice President Don Parker appointed senior Ernie Roberson, junior Larry Hilton, sophomore Bill Malone, and freshman Cindy Tucker to the senate Committee on Committees, which is responsible for senate committee appointments.

Oswalt Elected BSU President

John P. Oswalt, freshman from Blanchard, has been elected president of Baptist Student Union for the coming year.

Other officers chosen are Kathleen Monroe, sophomore nursing student, growth chairman; David J. Brewton, sophomore, outreach chairman and William E. Gordon, Jr., sophomore finance major, state council representative. Faculty advisor to the group is Danny Walker, sociology instructor.



LEFT TO RIGHT in the above photo are Baptist Student Union officers for the coming year William E. Gordon, Jr., state council representative; David J. Brewton, outreach chairman; Kathleen Monroe, growth chairman; John P. Oswalt, president and Carl Smith, BSU director.

"A Mistake for Years" Corrected by LCCHE

Four major academic divisions and 39 degree programs were authorized for LSUS by the Louisiana Coordinating Council for Higher Education in its meeting last week.

The four colleges approved are business administration, education, arts and sciences and general studies.

"This is probably one of the biggest steps this council has ever taken," council chairman Ewell Eagan of New Orleans said, terming the lack of a four-year public institution in Shreveport "a mistake for years."

Tribute to Bronson

J. K. Haynes of Baton Rouge, chairman of the council's degree program review committee, said, "I would like to pay tribute to Mr. (William) Bronson for the hard work he has done in helping us arrive at this point in history. Bronson is the editor and publisher of The Shreveport Times and took the lead in the fight for four-year status for LSUS.

The school will institute its third academic year in the fall of 1973 and its senior year in the fall of 1974, according to LSUS Dean Donald Shipp.

Research shows that 275 juniors are expected to take advantage of the expanded curriculum next September. The total 1973-74 enrollment is predicted to be 2,748.

Degrees Approved

The following degree programs were approved for LSUS:

A bachelor of science to be offered by the College of Business

Administration in the fields of accounting, economics, finance, general business administration, management, marketing and office administration.

Bachelor of arts degrees to be offered by the College of Education in the fields of elementary education (with options in special education, speech and hearing therapy and elementary education), and secondary education (with options in art, English, foreign language, social studies and speech).

Science Options

B.S. degrees are to be offered by the College of Education in the field of secondary education-science education (with options in biology, chemistry and physics), business education and mathematics education.

B.A. degrees will be offered by the College of Arts and Sciences in the fields of communications (with options in journalism and speech), economics, English, fine arts, foreign languages (with options in French and Spanish) and social sciences (with options in geography, history, political science and sociology).

B.S. degrees are to be offered by the College of Arts and Sciences in the fields of biological sciences, physical sciences (with options in chemistry and physics), mathematics psychology and science and medicine.

General Studies Degree

A bachelor of general studies degree is to be awarded by the College of General Studies.

LSUS's bid for separate colleges of arts and sciences was rejected. The council said, however, that the school may reapply for a division of the two colleges at any time in the future.

The council also recommended some organizational changes. They are as follows:

Creation of a Department of Social Sciences within the College of Arts and Sciences to be composed of the present Department of Geography and Sociology and the present Department of History and Political Science.

Departments Combined

Creation of a single Department of Communications and Fine Arts from the existing Department of Fine Arts and the Department of Communications, and creation of a department of Chemistry and Physics by merging the existing separate departments for those disciplines.

The council rejected three LSUS degree proposals. They were a B.A. degree option in foreign languages in the elementary school, a B.S. option in health and physical education and a B.A. option in drama.

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SFA Professor to Perform Here Tuesday

Dr. Archie P. McDonald, history professor at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas, will present a program of Civil War music here Tuesday. The program is scheduled for 11 a.m. in the science lecture auditorium. Dr. McDonald will sing and accompany himself on the guitar, as well as discuss music of the period.

Having received the B.S. degree in American History in 1958 from Lamar State College of Technology in Beaumont, Dr. McDonald received his M.S. degree from Rice University in 1960 and his Ph.D. degree in 1965

from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Dr. McDonald has taught previously at Rice University, Louisiana State University, Murray State Col-

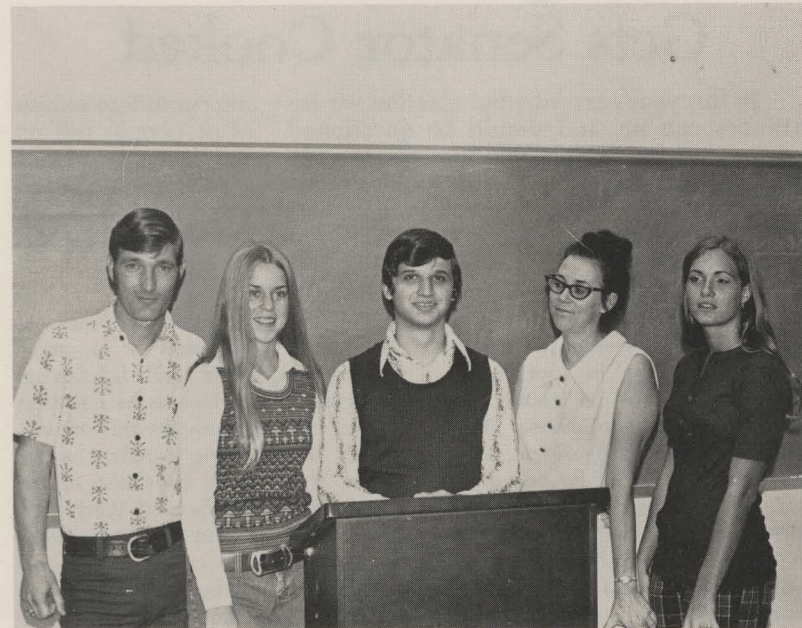
lege and Central Washington State College. He is the author of several works, among them "Hurrah for Texas! The Diary of Adolphus Sterne."

Beach Heads New Campus Organization

The newly formed Social Sciences Club, at its first meeting, adopted a charter for the new organization, and elected officers for the coming year, according to Leroy Musselman, assistant history professor and faculty advisor to the group.

Club officers are Randall W. Beach, freshman prelaw student, president; Hoyle T. Rogers, junior political science major, vice president; sophomore education major Valla T. Barber, secretary; freshman Elizabeth A. Bragg, treasurer and freshman Sandra K. Beck, recording secretary. W. James Miller, assistant history professor, is also faculty advisor for the group.

The next meeting is set for Oct. 27, Musselman said, with meetings set thereafter for the third Friday of each month.



OFFICERS OF THE NEWLY FORMED Social Sciences Club are, from left, Hoyle T. Rogers, vice president; Elizabeth A. Bragg, treasurer; Randall W. Beach, president; Valla T. Barber, secretary and Sandra K. Beck, recording secretary.

Recruitment for LSUS

Baby Sport Must
“Toot His Own Horn”

About five years ago LSU-Shreveport was a crying, young infant of an university, abandoned among the reeds of an old cotton field. Conceived in the minds of a group of visionary Shreveporters, LSUS was late in its delivery via legislative stork. Its mother had sought refuge from an assemblage of modern-day pharaohs who desired to behead “baby Sport.” The rulers had bowed to the cry of the masses about burdensome and inhuman taxation. Edwina, the pharaohs daughter, heard the ruckus in the reeds that swayed in the gentle breeze of hot air from Baton Rouge and took the man-child to the mansion for upbringing.

Lovingly nursed by the milk of its real mother (Sen-Donna of the North), Sport grew into four-year adolescence. Puberty, though, has brought problems for Sport. One of those doubts is the puppy love question, “Why do so many students come to me?”

Close to Home, Economical

The most obvious reason that Sport has the popularity of a blue-eyed, blonde cheerleader at a homecoming dance is that it is close to home and, therefore, economical. Most of the students queried conceded that living at home, getting a local job and/or lack of mony to go away to school was their reason for attending LSUS.

Sorry, ole Sport, it's not your powerful physique but your proximity that attracted more than 2,200 students to your doors this fall. Though Sport's personality has been pleasing to some, it has not reached out as it should. Sport needs improvement in public image and recruitment of students.

Dr. Kenneth Purdy, assistant dean for student affairs, recently said, “Say a guy is in his early twenties. He went to school one year when he was 18. He is married now. Somehow we have got to get over to him to attend the University.” Student recruitment has been handled in the past through the Student Affairs office. Dr. Purdy said, “We must reach beyond the average high school graduate (entering freshman) and reach a sector we have not reached before.” Student recruitment will be a part of a community relations department in the future that will, according to Purdy, seek to reach high schools, businesses and other segments of the community not informed about LSUS. “This community relations department will broaden the scope of our message,” Purdy further explained.

Students Best Salesmen

The public image of LSUS has received a boost from four-year status. The public can assume LSUS is here to stay. Yet, what does the public think about LSUS? Among the businessmen interviewed the most common response was, “I sure am glad that it is four years.” Dear Sport, you need to tell people about your availability and your desire to be of help. The dates you are having with more than 2,200 students will help. The truth is that they, your students, are your greatest salesmen. What they say depends on how you treat them.

No other institution of higher learning has the potential that LSUS has within its grasp. The future is unlimited in academics, student activity and growth. You can only hope, good Sport, that they, the students, kiss and tell.

—Ernie Roberson

“Me-tooism” McGovern Style
Ducking Anti-War Vote
Gets Senator Cooked

In this year's presidential election we have one candidate whose attitudes can be, and should be questioned. Most people tell us not to vote for a man just because we like what he is saying or because we think he is good looking but because of his record and his actions. “Actions speak louder than words,” the old saying goes. Unfortunately, for some, actions stand out in the '72 campaign rather sourly.

Recently, the United States Senate had an opportunity to vote for an amendment that would have halted the Vietnam War in four months. Naturally, we took for granted that Senator George McGovern, Democratic candidate for President, would stop his campaigning for one day to vote for this amendment. It is well known that McGovern's main campaign issue is the ending of the Vietnam War. So often in the past we have heard the senator speak out against this war and condemn President Nixon for not ending it long ago. However, McGovern was not present and the amendment was

killed.

This brings to mind one question. If George McGovern is so much against the killing and fighting in Southeast Asia, why was he not present to cast his vote for this amendment? Is becoming President of the United States more important to the senator than the Vietnam War? We feel that he let many Americans down by not losing one campaign day and voting for this amendment. Because of this action we have this to say to Senator McGovern. “In the future, put your vote where your mouth is.”

—Cindy Tucker



Not for Some Students
Hiking is for Scouts

Students who are getting a little old for scout hikes are becoming concerned about the wide open spaces surrounding LSUS. With so much unused space near the school, why do we have to park in the cotton field?

The walk from the gravel pit to the library building exhausts even the youngest of us, especially in cold, rainy weather. Granted, the vacant area enhances the school's appearance, but what is it good for?

Parking By Age

If we cannot have parking lots closer to the buildings, the parking should be arranged on an age basis. The older students should be permitted to park in the lot nearest the buildings and be identified by special parking stickers.

Another thing that is especially disconcerting is that the concrete walks are arranged in huge squares. Since childhood we have been taught that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Now we are asked to forget it and follow the square walk to a door that is only half the distance by the old straight line method.

Diagonal Walks Versus Shrubs

Since new shrubs have been planted near the buildings, we must literally “beat around the bush” to reach our desired destination. It appears the best way to keep students from walking on the grass is to build diagonal walks. This would also eliminate the expense of planting hedges that will doubtless be trampled or jumped over anyway.

Evidently, the one who planned the walks and parking lots had seen too many commercials. Actually, the Pepsi generation gets tired just like everyone else does.

—Margie Parvino

Caution: Not Voting May Be
Hazardous To Your Health

As I was on my way to class last week, I was confronted by a man seated behind a Student Government Association election poster.

“Hey!” he screamed. “It's time to vote? Have you voted?” he questioned in much the same tone used to ask, “Have you prayed today?”

I admitted that no, I hadn't voted and probably wouldn't.

That was my mistake.

A look of scorn and amazement crossed his face as he explained that I had to vote!

“But I don't know any of these people; I have no idea what the SGA does or what I would be voting for,” I protested.

“You don't know McGovern or Nixon either,” he retorted; sure, he had me then.

At that point, I finally said that I'd vote later because I was late for class. But I continued to be haunted all day by voices asking, “Have you voted?”

No, I said to all of them, and this is why.

What has heretofore been labeled voter apathy might well be ignorance of the facts.

I had no facts, and deduced that the obvious place to collect them would be the campaign posters. But even though the walls of both buildings were gilded with them, none of them said anything! They consisted of bright drawings and clever slogans such as:

“Be in with _____.”

“_____ cares!”

And the old standby, “Vote for _____.”

One did give us a hint, however, with “Open your student library on Saturday.” And one or two listed “qualifications” (chairman of this, president of that).

But, you know, I never did discover what my vote could accomplish.

—Suzette Barron

A Tale of
Two Worlds

A long time ago there lived a wise old man on the planet Mars. Yes, Mars! Telling everyone he saw how Mars was being polluted, he desperately tried to save his dear planet. But to his great disappointment, he found no one would listen to him. Night and day, he carried on with his beliefs, letting others know how the rivers and waterways were being polluted. He also informed them about the smog in the air and how they were slowly, slowly killing themselves, but still no one listened.

Oone day the old man died and was soon forgotten. Everyone continued living like they always had in ever-increasing filth. Then one day it all happened at once. The smog in the air got so thick it wouldn't allow sunlight to pass through and the vegetation, without sunlight, couldn't produce oxygen, so everyone died, thereby proving the old man right about his beliefs on pollution.

Of course this story is fiction, but stop and think; what if it could happen? We in America have a similar situation to that in the story.

Traveling to only a few of the major cities in the United States allows one to see a great amount of smog and pollution in the air. America has gotten out of hand as far as pollution is concerned. People and industries are the main causes in this crisis. And if something is not done to control it, we will sooner or later pollute ourselves to death.

—Ernie Roberson

LIBRARY EXHIBIT

A new exhibit, “Learn Culture Through Language Study,” is currently being displayed in the library.

The exhibit is slated to run through October 20 and contains items from Spain, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Austria and other nations.

Contributors to the display are Joe Patrick, French instructor; Albert Riusech, Spanish and French instructor, and Michael V. Williams, German instructor.

Items exhibited include various foreign currencies, authentic mugs used in German beer gardens, decorated shoes from The Netherlands, Swiss mountain-climbing shorts, a replica of the sword used by Spanish national hero El Cid, and a hand-tooled leather wine decanter from Madrid, Spain.

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JAN WEBB AND MARILYN GIBSON displaying mementoes from their European trip.

But Not in a Nasty Way Foreign Men Do Pinch

Have you ever driven around the Ring of Kerry or had a breakfast that consisted of cereal, bacon and eggs, broiled tomatoes, mushrooms, three kinds of homemade bread, homemade marmalade, homemade butter, and tea? The chances are slim unless you were among the group who ventured to Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, and England this summer. Three from LSUS were among the caravan. They were Marilyn Gibson, English instructor, and students Jan Webb and Michael Benoit.

The first excitement of the trip began before Europe was ever sighted. Our troop traveled by Boeing jet, the same aircraft used by Charlton Heston in the movie, "Skyjacked." For all you Heston fans, the stewardesses said that he was much more handsome in person than on the screen.

Nobody Bored

After arriving in Europe no one was bored. Each day was jammed with things to do and places to see. In Holland our crew attended an open-air museum where windmills from all over Holland were represented. Germany found them riding a steamer down the Rhine, and in Switzerland they went by cable car, 7000 feet up Mount Pilatus. In Milan, they rode a street car and sang American songs to the driver. They were such a success that one little Italian lady asked them to sing "Jinkle Beals."

However, all of their time was not spent visiting famous places. According to one young lady, much of the girls' time was spent taking pictures of the boys they met. One girl reported that it is true foreign men pinch, but not in a nasty way.

They met many people on their journey. Jan Webb met a most unusual German man. "While I was

sitting on a park bench in Boppard, Germany," Jan said, "an old man and woman sat down by me. When they discovered I was from the U.S. they began talking about World War II. I soon discovered that the old man had been an aid to Hitler. He told me that he and Hitler had been good friends, until he discovered how cruel the German leader was. The old man then defected and became a U.S. spy."

Time to Go

Suddenly, it was time to go, and before long the jet was touching American soil.

The trip proved to be educational for some students at LSUS who didn't travel to Europe. Miss Gibson has used her travels to aid many of her English classes. "While I was there," Miss Gibson said, "I took fifteen boxes of slides. Since school has started, I've shown some of my slides to my English students. If they can see the places where the poets lived, they can understand poetry better."

However, for most the trip to Europe is still not over. Whenever Jan receives her package of foreign treasures, she calls Miss Gibson, and they talk excitedly of the things they did there. Already some have begun planning the places they are going to visit on their next trip to Europe.

Slivers of Jewell

But, where is Love?
Love used to be, just as I used to be
a child, that time over,
Love has gone over, done gone over,
to HATE!
The world is HATE and HATE is
the world, with no place for love.

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Ah! sweet music, that sways the
hearts of Lovers,
Yes, Lovers! Let the world bow down
in humble giveth-upness to Love!
And there is peace everywhere, the
sword of hate has gone down the
river of Oblivion and Love has
displaced It with Lovers!
—Leo Jewell



RONNIE BRYANT in upper photo, must kick this habit since wire has been stretched above the shrubs. Biology Club stalks on the water.

Who Knows What Visions

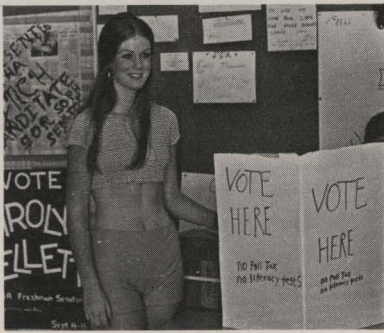
By Cindy Tucker

If I were you and you were me
I wonder what life would really be?
Could I exist and then unfold,
Silent secrets yet untold,
Of dreams unanswered—
Unconquered goals?

If I were you and you were me
Would I fear eternity,
And at night as I lay sleeping
Would I hear death sounds stealthily
creeping?

If I were you and you were me
Would my spirit feel so free?
Would it feel chained and burdened
Down from problems of earth and
barren ground?

Where did man go wrong, my friend,
And why does life always end
Just at the moment it begins?
If I were you and you were me
Who knows what visions we might
see.



IN UPPER PHOTO, sign in rear window of English instructor Loretta Lampkin's car. Below left, Cyd Baker attracts votes during SGA elections. Below right, a bumper sticker on rear of unidentified student's auto.

"And I'll Flip a Coin"

By Mike Stephens

This morning while driving my wife to work she finally cornered me into one of her little "Question-and-answer-political-summaries." I wouldn't mind these sessions except for the fact that I am always asked the same questions and I always give the same replies. At first red light she turned to me and asked how I thought the political situation was shaping up. She always begins these discussions with that question, and this time I decided to end it with my first reply.

"You know that I can't talk and drive at the same time."

"Don't give me that. You can chew gum; you can talk. You know I don't know anything about politics."

"I know, I know."

"You've got to help me decide."

"Why don't you wait until election day and flip a coin? It's more reliable than trying to reason it out."

"Quit it. You're making fun of me. I can't help it if I don't have time to follow the news. If you don't help me I'll vote for the wrong man and it will be your fault."

"Why don't you vote for the one with the cutest name? He's bound to be a winner."

"If you don't get serious I'll have Mother over for dinner to help me."

"Okay, what election do you want to talk about?"

"Which ones are they having?"

"Presidential, district judge, school board, senatorial—take your pick."

"Let's talk about the presidential."

"What do you want to know?"

"Who are you going to vote for?"

"I don't know."

"Well, which one is the good guy and which one's the bad?"

"What do you mean 'good guy,' 'bad guy'?"

"There. You don't know any more about them than I do!"

"There's no such thing as 'good guy' or 'bad guy' in politics. Politics isn't a movie."

"How do you know who to vote for then?"

"I don't."

"You've got to! Everybody else knows. Which candidate is the worst?"

"They're both wonderful, lovely candidates."

"If they're both so great, how come they're running against each other?"

"Don't ask me, ask them!"

"One of them must have something wrong with him."

"Sure. Nixon's nose is too big and McGovern has an overbite."

"But isn't one of them too radical, or conservative or something?"

"That depends on how you look at it. They're both going to make America safe to live in. Both of them are going to end the war in Vietnam. Both are going to stop inflation, unemployment, poverty and disease. They're both going to help the average taxpayer and make everyone love each other. And finally both men are going to work for world peace and neither one of them would ever, ever tell a lie. Now, you pick for yourself!"

"I think I'll vote for the one with the cutest name."

"And I'll flip a coin."

Whim, Whit and Whizdom

By MARGIE PARVINO

Faculty, you have had it! Whenever we discover which one of you is perverting the minds of innocent students, prepare for of flogging from misinformed parents and busybodies in the Shreveport area.

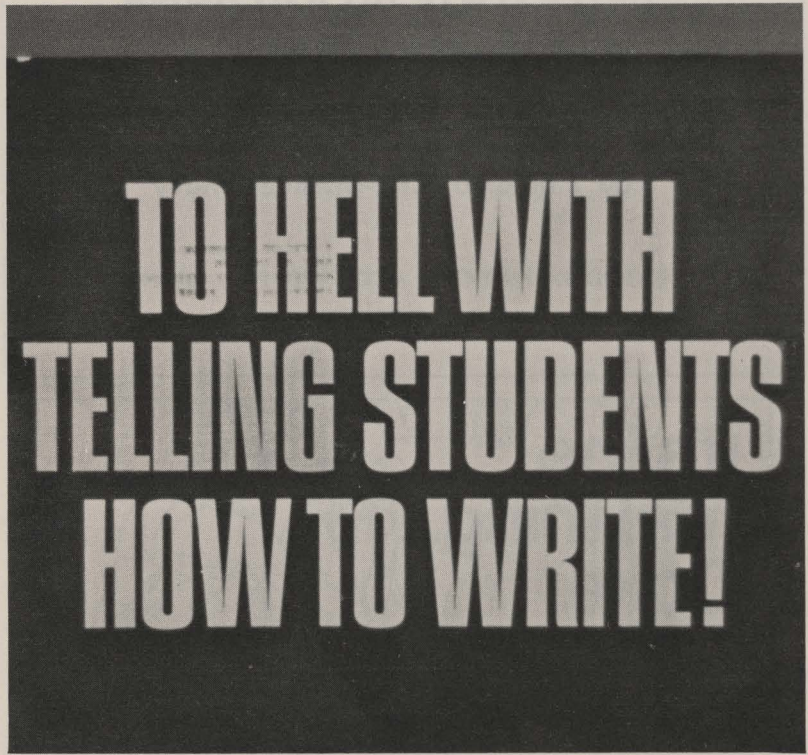
As a person approaches adulthood, he begins to think for himself and refuses to gulp down many of great-grandpa's opinions. If he is not in school, the fault is placed on the bad crowd with which he associates. However, those of us in college cannot even politely disagree with tradition without hearing, "That's what college is doing to you!"

We are open-minded. If we are being perverted we want to know who is responsible. We think back over the past semesters. . . .

Did Mrs. Longfellow twist our minds under guise of teaching us to

write a good, solid paragraph? A more likely candidate is Dr. Cloud; those phonetic symbols were no doubt a plot to destroy our morals. And now that we are accusing, let's consider Dr. Hall's blackboard drawings of weather trends in mountain areas. Shameful.

Well faculty, you all look suspicious, so until we discover which one of you is tarnishing our haloes, we will have to keep you under observation. Meanwhile, those who damn us because we cannot see things in the traditional way should blame the culprits of time and individual adult thinking.



SIGN IN THE OFFICE of Allena Longfellow, English instructor.



TRENCH WARFARE. The Tigers (left) and DOM square off in one of the season's first flag football battles. Combat arbiter, Charles Hoy, referees the contest.

T.N.U.C. Romps 40-0 Coors Guzzled Twice

T.N.U.C. displayed a ball-hawking defense led by Mike Mitchell's two touchdown scampers of errant passes enroute to a 40-0 trouncing of Coors.

In other action, during the week, the Polacks blanked Country Smoke 27-0, behind the three touchdowns of Albert Ross. Coors was also beaten 13-6, by Fresh Vegetables in a highly contested defensive struggle.

Reinowski's Sparkle

The passing combination of Ed Reinowski to older brother John proved to be an unbeatable one for T.N.U.C. John caught touchdown passes of 25 and 60 yards. Ed also dropped a 60 yard bomb to Stuart Shannon, accounting for all of T.N.U.C.'s offensive tallies. Mike Mawhinney scored on a 45 yard interception return also, rounding out the scoring for T.N.U.C.

In the Polacks' 27-0 beating of Country Smoke, Polacks' quarterback Buddy Forrest passed for four touchdowns, three to Albert Ross and one to Roger Oran. The most unusual play of the week took place in this game. It started as an end-sweep by Bobby Love. Love, however, tossed the ball back to Forrest who in turn hit end Mike Mladenka streaking downfield with a 40 yard pass. Mladenka then lateralled the ball to Ross who scored untouched. For those of you that are scoring along with us that play went from Love to Forrest

to Mladenka to Ross or 6-5-4-3.

The Polack's defense shut down Country Smoke's offense on interceptions by Love and Oran. Smoke's only scoring threats came on successive plays in the first half when receivers dropped long touchdown passes.

Coors 0 for 2

Coors' attempt to rebound from a 40-0 defeat at the hands of T.N.U.C., fell short by the score of 13-6, as the Fresh Vegetables withstood a last-half charge by Coors to clinch a hard fought victory.

The Vegetables opened the scoring as Mark Tyler hit John Ballantine with a 15 yard touchdown pass. Coors countered with Danny McAlister throwing 60 yards to Bill Braggs to knot the score at six apiece, both teams having missed the extra point.

The Fresh Vegetables were able to score again as the half ended, on a 20 yard aerial from Mark Tyler to Mark Bryant. Pat Jenkins added the extra point making the score 13-6.

In the second half Coors refused to give up though, mounting several drives only to be stopped short of pay-dirt. The vegetables held on for a well-earned victory.

From the Sidelines

By Terry Hargis

Game of Yards or Inches

When you think of pro football you usually consider it in terms of a game of yards. In 1972 this may very well change to the game of inches.

Pro football experts became concerned by the lack of point production during the 1971 season. Too many games were ending up as defensive struggles. Thus the excitement of the long bomb or the 75-yard sprint were virtually removed from contests that once thrived on almost instant points.

Zone defenses were said to be largely responsible for the falloff in scoring. In an effort to restore more balance between the offense and the defense, markings on the field will be modified in 1972. The distance from the sideline to the hashmark will be 10½ feet wider.

Hope Among Coaches and Players

The hope among the players and coaches is that widening the distances from the sidelines will enable such sprinters as Mercury Morris and Gale Sayers to be able to run to the short side of the field and outdistance the likes of Bubba Smith, Carl Eller and Bob Lilly.

In addition to providing a lift to the running attack, it is going to put some elasticity in the zone defenses and give wide receivers Bob Hayes, Dick Gordon and Paul Warfield more room to out-maneuver the de-

fensive secondary.

An Extra Man

The National Football League officials believe that the old 20-yard distance between the sideline and the hashmark served as an extra man for the defense. The new distance is three and one-half feet wider than the old distance and may just provide that extra step that is the difference between a short gain and a touchdown dash.

The question of whether the new width will liberate the offense will not be answered until far into the 1972 season.

It seems rather certain the zone defenses, which have choked so many explosive passing games in recent years, may have to be altered. The changed distance was principally aimed at the zone, since it has nullified the most interesting parts of the game. Zones are drawn up by using the hashmark as a base for the areas of responsibility for each defensive back. The new hashmarks are supposed to broaden the areas of responsibility and make it more difficult for the backs to protect their assigned

areas.

Counting on the Theory

Obviously, the rules makers are counting on the theory that a man will not be able to cover an expanded area as well as he previously patrolled a lesser one.

Another benefit may be more exciting plays on third down. With the hashmarks closer to the middle of the field, a quarterback will have more leeway to gamble for a first down on touchdown, rather than play for better field position for the field goal specialist.

The new positioning of the hashmarks for the 1972 season is a long-needed improvement. With defensive football becoming more scientific the offenses have been on the downgrade. This should all change with the start of the season. If you are a defensive fan don't be surprised if your favorite defense is giving up more points than they used to, and that the running backs and receivers all seem a little faster than they were last year. Just remember that it's for the good of the game.



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